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SUBJECT: VISIT OKESOVET INTERIOR MINISTER

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1. ILIJA DJUKIC, A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN OFFICE FOR USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE OF FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FSFA) TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR SEPTEMBER 2 THAT SOVIET INTERIOR MINISTER SHCHELOKOV CONSULTED WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS ON ROUTINE POLICE MATTERS DURING MONTH-LONG VISIT WHICH ENDED AUGUST 27. DJUKIC SAID YUGOSLAV AND SOVIET POLICE HAVE COOPERATED FOR SOME TIME IN AREAS LIKE NARCOTICS, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, PROSTITUTION, ECONOMIC CRIMES AND BORDER CONTROL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT COOPERATION "DOES NOT AND COULD NOT EXTEND TO QUESTIONS OF SECURITY", I.E., INTELLIGENCE.

2. PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 31 MEETING BETWEEN TITO, INTERIOR MINISTER HERLJEVIC, PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC, LCY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC, VICE PRESIDENT BAKARIC AND OTHER TOP LEADERS FOR REVIEW OF UNSPECIFIED INTERNAL AFFAIRS QUESTIONS. GATHERING PRESUMABLY ONE OF PERIODIC HIGH LEVEL REVIEWS OF INTERNAL SECURITY. LAST PUBLICIZED TITO-HERLJEVIC MEETING TOOK PLACE NOVEMBER 7, 1974.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE WE DOUBT YUGOSLAVS WOULD TELL US
OF INTELLIGENCE LIAISON WITH RUSSIANS, FLAT DENIAL
BY DJUKIC THAT SUCH COOPERATION IS INVOLVED DOES CARRY
SOME WEIGHT. FIRST SECRETARY OF SOVIE EMBASSY
(REFTEL B) ALSO SAID SHCHELOKOV VISIT ROUTINE WORKING
VACATION, NOT INVOLVING SECURITY ORGANS.
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